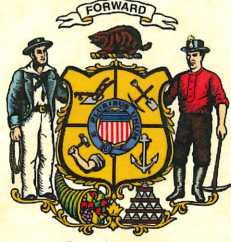


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; child abuse and neglect are pervasive, yet preventable issues in our communities; and

*WHEREAS*; communities and family support networks can and should prioritize the safety and well-being of all children; and

*WHEREAS*; child maltreatment can lead to a broad range of short and long-term physical and emotional health problems; and

*WHEREAS*; research demonstrates that building family protective factors – like Social and Emotional Competence of Children, Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development, Social Connections, and Parental Resilience and Concrete Supports in Times of Need – promotes the optimal development of children and reduces the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and

*WHEREAS*; child maltreatment can be reduced by ensuring families are supported in building protective factors through strengths-based policies, programming, and public awareness; and

*WHEREAS*; during the month of April, the State of Wisconsin embraces Pinwheels for Prevention® as the pinwheel has come to serve as the physical embodiment, or reminder, of the great childhoods we want for all children; and

*WHEREAS*; all Wisconsinites have the responsibility to care for kids across our state, ensuring they grow up with protective factors in their homes, schools, and communities;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

## CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great  
Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed.  
Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tony Evers".  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Douglas La Follette".  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State